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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th March 1866.*

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

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regarding accommodation for the Superinten-
dent and Subordinates of the Gun Carriage
Manufactory had better lie over until the plans
for the Manufacturing establishments at the
Mount have been finally decided on, and re-
ceived the approval of the Secretary of State. (Here enter 9th March 1866, No. 891.)

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1866, No. 863.

MILITARY WORKS, No.15.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Quarter Master General... ... Here enter 6th December 1865, No. 11,553.
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From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 6th December 1865, No. 11,553; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In considering the plans submitted to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for a new Gun Carriage Manufactory at the Mount, the barrack accommodation for the Superintendent and the subordinates of his establishment, seemed to the Commander-in-Chief to be projected for an unnecessarily large number of persons, and on inquiring of the Inspector General of Ordnance, "what was the actual number of each class, married and unmarried, for which quarters have to be found, whether any of the men are not entitled, and whether as Carnatic Artificers, all are entitled to be quartered as European Soldiers," Colonel Simpson has furnished the table, copy of which is enclosed, and he adds:—"I have endeavoured to ascertain whether any arrangement could be made at the Mount, so as to obviate the necessity of erecting quarters for the classes in question."

"So far as my information extends, it would appear impracticable for these persons to find private accommodation, within their means, at the Mount; so that, unless one of the ranges of old barracks of buildings in the old Horse Artillery lines can be spared, for the unmarried Artificers and pupils, the construction of special buildings for their accommodation becomes a necessity."

"Could any one of the barracks in question be made available, it would only remain to provide quarters for the married persons entered in the roll."

"I must here state that none of these classes, excepting the pupils, are entitled, by existing regulations, to quarters; but many of them receive an allowance for house-rent, which would lapse to the State, and the others might be charged at rates for quarters, not exceeding the rents they pay at Madras: these rates would re-imburse Government, the interest on the money sunk for the erection of the quarters prepared for them."

"It is of the utmost importance that the Artificers of all classes should reside in the immediate vicinity of the new Factory. It is also essential, as a matter of good order and discipline, to bring them under observation."

"It is my opinion that, on public considerations, it is advisable quarters should be provided for the Gun Carriage establishment when moved to the Mount; and I further believe that, under the conditions on which the classes referred to receive pay, equitable arrangements may be made to meet the payment of interest, on the amount to be expended by Government to provide such accommodation."

2. The Commander-in-Chief observes that it is extremely unlikely that any portion of the old Horse Artillery lines can be spared for the accommodation of these persons, inasmuch as though there is but one Field Battery there now, a second or more probably a troop of Horse Artillery, will be sent there next season,

in pursuance of the reductions proposed. At the Mount, there are quarters for two Field Batteries, though not complete in all respects; at Bellary, there are not; and Bellary is the station which the Commander-in-Chief would, therefore, deprive of one of its Batteries, and put a stop thereby to any further expenditure in providing barracks for a second mounted Battery, and this also falls in with the wishes of the Supreme Government.

3. Seeing then that there is no probability of quarters for Artificers becoming available at the Mount, the question arises are they to be built by Government?

4. The Commander-in-Chief entirely concurs with the Inspector General of Ordnance in his opinion of the necessity of having all the establishments in the immediate vicinity of the Manufactory; but as the great bulk of them is not entitled to public accommodation, and there is no private accommodation near the spot, where the men can find house room, either Government will expect them to build for themselves in the neighbourhood, or they will build public quarters for them.

5. The Commander-in-Chief does not think that, under any circumstances, should Government be called upon to provide quarters for the largest number of Ordnance Artificers, that is likely to be employed. There must be an average number of such persons at work, and for these, it will be sufficient that barrack room be provided.

[Statement

Present strength of establishment at Head Quarters.					Establishment provided with quarters in distribution plan.			
Rank.					Rank.			
Married.	Unmarried.	Total.	Entitled to quarters.	Not entitled to quarters.		Married.	Unmarried.	Total.
1	1	1	1	1	Superintendent.....	1	..	1
1	1	1	1	1	Deputy Assistant Commissary.....	1	..	1
3	..	3	..	3	Warrant Officers.....	3	..	3
2	..	2	..	2	Store Sergeants.....	2	..	2
2	..	2	..	2	Serjeant Instructors.....	2	..	2
7	..	7	..	7	Foremen, ranked with Sergeants.....	7	..	7
50	1	51	50	1	Ordnance Artificers.....	4	..	4
40	26	66	40	26	Pupils.....	25	..	25
3	40	43	3	40	Mechanical Engineers.....	3	..	3
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The strength of the Ordnance Artificers at Head Quarters fluctuates; the largest number is not likely to exceed 65.

INSPE. GENL'S OFFICE, FORT ST. GEORGE, }
5th October 1865.

(Signed) G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 20th February 1866, B.

ORDER, No. 891, 9th March 1866.

The Governor in Council observes that the consideration of the question, regarding accommodation for the Superintendent and subordinates of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, had better lie over until the plans, for the manufacturing establishments at the Mount, have been finally decided on, and received the approval of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

Maximilian C.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

.. Controller of Military Accounts.

.. Inspector General of Ordnance,

.. Public Works Department,....

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